General Assembly
Official Records
Seventy-second Session
Supplement No. 8

A/72/8

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme*

Twenty-sixth session
Nairobi, 8-12 May 2017

United Nations • New York, 2017

* A full account of the proceedings of the Governing Council on the work of its twenty-sixth session, containing, among other things, chapters on the discussions under each agenda item, is being circulated as document HSP/GC/26/7.

Please recycle

Note

Symbols of United Nations documents are composed of letters combined with figures. Mention of such a symbol indicates a reference to a United Nations document.

ISSN 0255-1470

Contents

		Page
I.	Introduction	4
II.	Organization of the session (agenda items 1-4)	5
	A. Opening of the session	5
	B. Attendance	5
	C. Election of officers	6
	D. Credentials	6
	E. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work	7
	F. Organization of work	7
	G. Work of the Committee of the Whole	8
	H. Work of the drafting committee and adoption of resolutions	8
III.	High-level segment and dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council (agenda items 5, 6, 7 and 8)	8
	A. High-level segment	8
	B. Dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-sixth session	8
IV.	Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council (agenda item 9)	9
V.	Other matters (agenda item 10)	9
VI.	Adoption of the report of the session (agenda item 11)	9
VII.	Closure of the session (agenda item 12)	9
Annex		
	Decision and resolutions adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme at its twenty-sixth session	10

I. Introduction

1. The Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) was established in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 and 56/206 of 21 December 2001.

2. The report of the Governing Council on the work of its twenty-sixth session is submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with section II, paragraph 6, of resolution 32/162 and paragraph 7 of section A of General Assembly resolution 56/206.

3. The Governing Council consists of 58 members, each elected for a four-year term by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations: 16 from African States, 13 from Asia-Pacific States, 6 from Eastern European States, 10 from Latin American and Caribbean States and 13 from Western European and other States. At the time of its twenty-sixth session, the Governing Council had seven vacant seats.

4. At the time of its twenty-sixth session, the Governing Council was composed of the following members, whose terms of office expire on 31 December of the year in brackets after the country name:

African States (16)
Angola (2019)
Benin (2020)
Chad (2019)
Democratic Republic of the Congo (2018)
Egypt (2018)
Gabon (2018)
Ghana (2018)
Kenya (2019)
Libya (2020)
Madagascar (2020)
Mauritius (2020)
Nigeria (2019)
Senegal (2018)
Somalia (2020)
South Africa (2019)
Zimbabwe (2018)

Latin American and Caribbean States (10)
Argentina (2018)
Brazil (2019)
Chile (2019)
Colombia (2020)
Ecuador (2018)
Guatemala (2018)
Mexico (2019)
Paraguay (2020)
Uruguay (2018)
One vacant seat

Western European and other States (13)
Finland (2018)
France (2020)
Germany (2019)
Israel (2019)
Norway (2020)
Sweden (2019)
United States of America (2018)
Six vacant seats

Asia-Pacific States (13)
Afghanistan (2020)
Bahrain (2019)
China (2020)
India (2019)
Indonesia (2018)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2018)
Iraq (2018)
Japan (2018)
Malaysia (2019)
Republic of Korea (2020)
Saudi Arabia (2019)
Sri Lanka (2020)
Turkmenistan (2019)
One vacant seat

Eastern European States (6)
Croatia (2020)
Czechia (2020)
Georgia (2019)
Russian Federation (2018)
Serbia (2019)
Slovakia (2018)

5. The twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council was held at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi from 8 to 12 May 2017.

II. Organization of the session (agenda items 1-4)

A. Opening of the session

6. The twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat was opened at 11.20 a.m. on Monday, 8 May 2017, by Mr. Michal Mlynar, President of the Governing Council.

7. Opening statements were delivered by Ms. Sahle-Work Zewde, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi; Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, delivered by pre-recorded video; Mr. Erik Solheim, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Mr. Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat; Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the United Nations General Assembly; and Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya.

8. Following the opening statements, the World Habitat Awards for 2016-2017 were presented.

B. Attendance

9. The following States members of the Governing Council were represented: Afghanistan; Angola; Argentina; Bahrain; Benin; Brazil; Chad; Chile; China; Colombia; Croatia; Czechia; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Ecuador; Egypt; Finland; France; Germany; Ghana; Guatemala; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Iraq; Israel; Japan; Kenya; Libya; Madagascar; Malaysia; Mauritius; Mexico; Nigeria; Norway; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Serbia; Slovakia; South Africa; Sri Lanka; Sweden; Turkmenistan; United States of America; and Zimbabwe.

10. The following States not members of the Governing Council were represented: Algeria; Australia; Austria; Bangladesh; Botswana; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; Central African Republic; Comoros; Congo; Cuba; Cyprus; Djibouti; Ethiopia; Gambia; Guinea; Haiti; Italy; Kuwait; Lesotho; Malawi; Mali; Mauritania; Morocco; Mozambique; Myanmar; Oman; Pakistan; Philippines; Poland; Qatar; Romania; Rwanda; Singapore; South Sudan; Spain; Sudan; Swaziland; Syrian Arab Republic; Timor-Leste; Togo; Turkey; Uganda; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Republic of Tanzania; Venezuela, (Bolivarian Republic of); and Zambia.

11. Observers to UN-Habitat for the Holy See and the State of Palestine also participated.

12. The following United Nations bodies and specialized agencies were represented: Economic Commission for Africa (ECA); Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Food and Agriculture Organization of

the United Nations (FAO); International Organization for Migration (IOM); Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); United Nations Global Compact; UN-Habitat; United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO); United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); World Bank; World Food Programme (WFP); and the World Health Organization (WHO).

13. Representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations also attended: African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP); European Union; League of Arab States; World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF); Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development; and Shelter Afrique.

14. A full list of those attending the session may be found in the list of participants (HSP/GC/26/INF/9).

C. Election of officers

15. At its 1st plenary meeting, on the morning of Monday, 8 May 2017, the Governing Council elected the following officers for the session:

President:
Mr. Venkaiah Naidu (India)

Vice-Presidents:
Mr. Franz Marré (Germany)
Mr. James Macharia (Kenya)

Rapporteur:
Mr. Andrey Chibis (Russian Federation)

16. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on the morning of Tuesday, 9 May 2017, it was agreed that the representative of Colombia, Ms. Elizabeth Ines Taylor Jay, would provisionally assume the position of Vice-President for the duration of the session, pending the election of a Vice-President by the Latin American and Caribbean States.

17. At its 7th and final plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 12 May 2017, Mr. Carlos Estuardo Barillas (Guatemala), who had been nominated by the Bureau of the Governing Council was elected by the Governing Council to the position of Vice-President for the remainder of the session.

D. Credentials

18. In pursuance of rule 16, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the Bureau reported to the Council at its 5th plenary meeting, on the morning of Wednesday, 10 May, that it had examined the credentials submitted by delegations attending the twenty-sixth session of the Council and had found them to be in order. The Council approved the report of the Bureau on credentials at its 7th plenary meeting, held on the afternoon of Friday, 12 May 2017.

E. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

19. At its 1st plenary meeting, on the morning of Monday, 8 May 2017, the Governing Council had before it the provisional agenda for the session (HSP/GC/26/1).

20. The Governing Council adopted the following agenda for its twenty-sixth session:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Credentials.
4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
5. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters.
6. Review of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).
7. Dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council.
8. Work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2018-2019.
9. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council.
10. Other matters.
11. Adoption of the report of the session.
12. Closure of the session.

F. Organization of work

21. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Governing Council established a sessional committee of the whole, to which it allocated agenda items 5, 6 8 and 9. The Council would be free to consider issues arising under items 5 and 7 and other items during its plenary meetings.

22. The work of the plenary meetings for the first three days of the session was divided into two segments: a high-level segment, featuring general debate by ministers and other high-level representatives, would be held on the first and second days, and a dialogue of Governments with local authorities and other partners on the special theme of the session would be held on the third day.

23. The Governing Council also established a drafting committee to consider the draft resolutions submitted to the Council. It was agreed that the draft resolutions recommended by the Committee of Permanent Representatives and presented in plenary by its chair, Mr. James Kimonyo (Rwanda), would first be considered by the Committee of the Whole, which would submit them to the drafting committee for further consideration, and that, following their consideration by the drafting committee, they would be submitted to the Council through the Committee for possible adoption at a plenary meeting.

24. In considering the agenda items, the Governing Council had before it the documents listed for each item in the annotations to the agenda for the session (HSP/GC/26/1/Add.1) together with a list of those documents arranged by item (HSP/GC/26/INF/1).

G. Work of the Committee of the Whole

25. The Committee of the Whole established by the Governing Council at its 1st plenary meeting was chaired by Mr. Macharia (Kenya), one of the three Vice-Presidents of the Council. The Committee held four meetings between 8 and 12 May. At its 1st meeting, on the afternoon of Monday, 8 May 2017, the Chair informed the Committee that it would consider agenda items 5, 6, 8 and 9.

26. At its 4th and final meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 12 May 2017, the Committee adopted the report on its deliberations. At its meetings, it had succeeded in achieving consensus on all the agenda items before it. The report of the Committee is reproduced in annex V to the proceedings of the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session.

H. Work of the drafting committee and adoption of resolutions

27. The drafting committee held seven meetings during the session and reached agreement by consensus on nine draft resolutions. The drafting Committee was chaired by Mr. Carlos Estuardo Barillas.

28. The resolutions, as adopted by the Governing Council at its 7th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 12 May 2017, are reproduced in the annex to the present report.

III. High-level segment and dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-sixth session of the Governing Council (agenda items 5, 6, 7 and 8)

A. High-level segment

29. The Governing Council took up agenda items 5-8 at its 2nd plenary meeting, on the afternoon on Monday, 8 May 2017, at which time it began the high-level general debate on those items. The general debate continued at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on Tuesday, 9 May 2017. A summary of the general debate by the President of the Governing Council is set forth in annex III to the proceedings of the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session.

B. Dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-sixth session

30. At its 5th and 6th plenary meetings, on Wednesday, 10 May 2017, the Governing Council held a dialogue on the special theme for the session, "Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda", under agenda item 7. The dialogue comprised an opening session followed by three sessions on the sub-themes of the dialogue, as follows: (a) sub-theme 1: promoting access to adequate and sustainable housing; (b) sub-theme 2: integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization; and (c) sub-theme 3: synergies and financing for sustainable urbanization. The discussion sessions featured a

moderator and a panel of speakers, presentations by the panellists, comments from the floor and reactions from the panellists. A summary of the dialogue is set forth in annex IV to the proceedings of the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session.

IV. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council (agenda item 9)

31. The Governing Council took up the item at its 7th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 12 May 2017, and adopted decision 26/1 on the provisional agenda for its twenty-seventh session, the text of which is reproduced in the annex to the present report. The Council also decided, on the recommendation of the Bureau, that the session should be held from 8 to 12 April 2019 at UN-Habitat headquarters, Nairobi.

V. Other matters (agenda item 10)

32. No other matters were discussed.

VI. Adoption of the report of the session (agenda item 11)

33. At the 7th plenary meeting, on the afternoon of Friday, 12 May 2017, the Chair of the Committee of the Whole gave an oral presentation on the deliberations of the Committee. The Chair of the drafting committee also provided an oral report on the discussions in the committee.

34. At the same meeting, the Governing Council adopted the report of the session, on the basis of the draft that had been circulated during the session and on the understanding that the secretariat and the Rapporteur would be entrusted with its finalization.

VII. Closure of the session (agenda item 12)

35. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the meeting and the session were declared closed at 6.45 p.m. on Friday, 12 May 2017.

Annex

Decision and resolutions adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme at its twenty-sixth session

A. Decision

Decision No.	*Title*
26/1.	Proposed dates and provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

B. Resolutions

Resolution No.	*Title*
26/1.	United Nations Human Settlements Programme governance reform and extension of the mandate of the working group on programme and budget
26/2.	Enhancing the role of UN-Habitat in urban crisis response
26/3.	Revised strategic plan for 2014-2019 and work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the biennium 2018-2019
26/4.	Promoting safety in cities and human settlements
26/5.	Regional technical support on sustainable housing and urban development by regional consultative structures
26/6.	World Urban Forum
26/7.	Accreditation
26/8.	Promoting the effective implementation, follow-up to and review of the New Urban Agenda
26/9.	Human settlements development in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

A. Decision

26/1. Proposed dates and provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Governing Council

1. *Decides* that the dates of its twenty-seventh session shall be from 8 to 12 April 2019;

2. *Also decides* that the provisional agenda for its twenty-seventh session shall be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.

2. Election of officers.

3. Credentials.

4. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.

5. Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters.

6. Review of progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

7. Report of the World Urban Forum.

8. Dialogue on the special theme for the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council.

9. Strategic plan for the period 2020-2025, and work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2020-2021.

10. Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council.

11. Other matters.

12. Adoption of the report of the session.

13. Closure of the session.

B. Resolutions

26/1. United Nations Human Settlements Programme governance reform and extension of the mandate of the working group on programme and budget

The Governing Council,

Recalling Governing Council resolution 25/7 of 23 April 2015 on the United Nations Human Settlements Programme governance reform,

Welcoming with appreciation the work of the working group on programme and budget and its report thereon to the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session,

Recognizing the need for the continued strengthening of the governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and for greater oversight of the implementation of its work programme and budget,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 71/256 of 23 December 2016, entitled "New Urban Agenda", by which the Assembly endorsed the New Urban Agenda, in which Heads of State and Government, ministers and high representatives requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly during its seventy-first session an evidence-based and independent assessment of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme containing recommendations to enhance its effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and oversight for the consideration of Member States,

Having reviewed the contribution of the working group to the improved oversight of the Programme by its governing bodies,

1. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the working group on programme and budget established by the Committee of Permanent Representatives in pursuance of Governing Council resolution 25/7 in order to continue to strengthen the oversight

role of the Governing Council and the Committee of Permanent Representatives during intersessional periods;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director to implement the recommendations and guidance provided by the working group in a timely manner and report back regularly to the working group and the Committee on their implementation;

3. *Encourages* member States to participate in the meetings, briefings and deliberations of the working group;

4. *Decides* to review the implementation of the present resolution and resolution 25/7 at the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council, at which time a decision on the continuation of the activities of the working group shall be taken.

26/2. Enhancing the role of UN-Habitat in urban crisis response

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolutions 19/7 and 25/4 and General Assembly resolution 59/239, as they relate to the role of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) in supporting the rehabilitation and reconstruction of countries affected by armed conflict or by other human-caused or natural disasters, and recalling in particular the UN-Habitat Strategic Policy on Human Settlements in Crisis, endorsed by the Committee of Permanent Representatives in November 2007, and recognizing that the Policy needs to be updated taking into account the changing nature of crises and relevant new commitments made by member States over the last 10 years,

Recalling also the New Urban Agenda, which reaffirms the role and expertise of UN-Habitat, within its mandate, as a focal point for sustainable urbanization and human settlements and which acknowledges that in implementing the New Urban Agenda particular attention should be paid to addressing the unique and emerging urban development challenges facing all countries and that special attention should be given to countries in situations of conflict, countries and territories under foreign occupation, post-conflict countries and countries affected by natural and human-caused disasters,

Acknowledging the efforts made by UN-Habitat in response to paragraph 43 of Governing Council resolution 25/4 to strengthen and coordinate its partnerships with humanitarian and development actors, including through its City Resilience Profiling Programme, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Reference Group on Meeting Humanitarian Challenges in Urban Areas, and the Global Alliance for Urban Crises as an innovative multi-stakeholder platform, and the progress made in response to paragraph 14 of resolution 25/4 to support and reinforce the coordination of the efforts of the United Nations system, through the Global Land Tool Network, to bring coherence and taking into account conflict and land issues,

Taking note of the principles and commitments outlined in the Urban Crises Charter of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises,

Recalling the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review,[1] the positive role that sustainable development can play in mitigating drivers of conflicts, disaster risks, humanitarian crises and complex emergencies, and that a comprehensive whole-of-system response, including greater cooperation and complementarity among development, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian action and sustaining

[1] General Assembly resolution 71/243, para. 14.

peace, is fundamental to addressing needs and attaining the Sustainable Development Goals as efficiently and effectively as possible,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/262 of 27 April 2016, which emphasizes that sustaining peace is a shared task and responsibility that needs to be fulfilled by each Government and all other national stakeholders and should flow through all three pillars of the United Nations engagement at all stages of conflict, and in all its dimensions, and requires sustained international attention and assistance,

Emphasizing paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 70/165, which encourages strengthened international cooperation, in particular between humanitarian and development actors, including (among other things) the integration of the human rights and needs of internally displaced persons into both rural and urban development strategies,

Taking note of paragraph 28 of the New Urban Agenda, which states that "[w]e commit ourselves to ensuring full respect for the human rights of refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants, regardless of their migration status, and support their host cities in the spirit of international cooperation, taking into account national circumstances and recognizing that, although the movement of large populations into towns and cities poses a variety of challenges, it can also bring significant social, economic and cultural contributions to urban life",

1. *Requests* the Executive Director to establish a fund, financed through voluntary contributions earmarked for use by the fund, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, aimed at facilitating the rapid deployment of UN-Habitat in response to urban crises and emergencies within existing human resources and calls upon Member States of the United Nations and others in a position to do so to contribute generously to the fund;

2. *Also requests* the Executive Director to use the fund established in accordance with the preceding paragraph, in consultation with member States, to update the UN-Habitat Strategic Policy on Human Settlements in Crisis, in line with its mandate:

(a) To better support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, with input from all UN-Habitat subprogrammes, in countries affected by conflict and natural and human-caused disasters;

(b) To ensure that UN-Habitat work contributes, in a coordinated manner, to the United Nations system commitment to sustaining peace and a comprehensive whole-of-system response to complex emergencies;

(c) To better support Member States in their efforts to implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030;

(d) To better support Member States facing challenges caused by the mass influx of migrants and include this within the operations of the fund;

3. *Further requests* the Executive Director to continue to support innovative partnerships and to work in close collaboration with humanitarian and development organizations, associations of local governments, professional networks and the private sector to make the partnerships more effective in preventing, preparing for and responding to humanitarian crises in urban environments;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

26/3. Revised strategic plan for 2014-2019 and work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for the biennium 2018-2019

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 69/226 of 19 December 2014, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the outcome document, entitled "The future we want", of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012,[2] in particular paragraphs 134 to 137 on sustainable cities and human settlements, in which, inter alia, it was recognized that cities are engines of economic growth which, if well planned and developed, including through integrated planning and management approaches, can promote economically, socially and environmentally sustainable societies, as well as the importance of integrated approaches that enhance overall coherence, promote effective rural-urban linkages and improve the quality of human settlements, including the living and working conditions of both urban and rural dwellers in the context of poverty eradication and achieving sustainable development so that all people have access to basic services, housing and mobility,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which the Assembly adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals with 169 associated targets that are integrated and indivisible, including Goal 11 on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, and also recalling the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,

Welcoming the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016, entitled "New Urban Agenda", which reaffirms the global commitment to sustainable urban and territorial development as a critical step for realizing sustainable development in an integrated and coordinated manner at the global, regional, national, subnational and local levels, with the participation of all relevant actors,

Welcoming also paragraph 172 of the New Urban Agenda, in which Heads of State and Government, ministers and high representatives gathered at Habitat III requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit to the General Assembly during its seventy-first session an evidence-based and independent assessment of UN-Habitat, with the result of the assessment being a report containing recommendations to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and oversight of UN-Habitat for consideration by Member States,

Welcoming further General Assembly resolution 71/235, on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), in which the Assembly encouraged the Secretary-General, pursuant to paragraphs 171 and 172 of the New Urban Agenda, to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the assessment of UN-Habitat was carried out in a fair, objective, impartial and representative manner, and decided that the report of the assessment should be presented in a timely manner,

[2] General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex.

Taking note of the progress made to date in the implementation of the strategic plan for 2014-2019, as reported through the annual progress report,[3] and the findings of United Nations mandated evaluations of activities of UN-Habitat,

Recalling paragraphs 56 (d) and 95 of the strategic plan,[4] on the revision of the plan on the basis of the New Urban Agenda,

Noting that the midterm evaluation of the implementation of the UN-Habitat strategic plan was officially distributed to member States only on 3 May 2017 and that, therefore, the revised strategic plan for 2014-2019 has not yet been adjusted on the basis of the result of the midterm evaluation,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 67/226 of 21 December 2012, on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, in which the Assembly, while noting that non-core resources represented an important contribution to the overall resource base of the United Nations development system and complemented core resources to support operational activities for development, recognized that non-core resources posed challenges and might distort programme priorities regulated by intergovernmental bodies and processes,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 69/226, in which the Assembly recognized that, over the years, the responsibilities of UN-Habitat had changed considerably in their scope and complexity and that the requirement to provide substantive and technical support to developing countries had changed in areas related to sustainable cities and human settlements, as reflected in the strategic plan for 2014-2019,

Having considered the revised strategic plan for the period 2014-2019,[5] the proposed work programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2018-2019[6] and the recommendations set forth in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7]

1. *Approves* the revised strategic plan for 2014-2019 and the proposed work programme and budget for 2018-2019, taking into account the relevant decisions of the Governing Council;

2. *Urges* the Executive Director to adjust the strategic plan on the basis of the results of the midterm evaluation and to present it without delay to the Committee of Permanent Representatives for review and approval;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director, within available resources and within the existing mandate of UN-Habitat, to engage member States in close coordination with the United Nations system, local authorities, major groups and other stakeholders in the further development of the action framework for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives and with its approval, to ensure the coherence of this process with the strategic plan for 2014-2019 and the elaboration of the strategic plan for 2020-2025;

4. *Approves* the foundation general purpose budget of 26,060,700 United States dollars and endorses the foundation special purpose budget of 139,894,400 dollars for the biennium 2018-2019, and notes estimated technical cooperation

[3] HSP/GC/26/INF/7.
[4] HSP/GC/24/5/Add.2.
[5] HSP/GC/26/6/Add.3.
[6] HSP/GC/26/6.
[7] HSP/GC/26/6/Add.1.

funding of 314,418,600 dollars, as detailed in the proposed work programme and budget for 2018-2019 as summarized in the table annexed to the present resolution;

5. *Also approves* the revision of the general reserve to 10 per cent of the foundation general purpose budget as approved in paragraph 4 of the present resolution;

6. *Notes* the need to continue mobilizing resources for UN-Habitat, within the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, and urges the Executive Director to adopt effective measures and to enhance efforts to broaden the donor base of the foundation general purpose budget, in consultation with member States and in accordance with the Programme's resource mobilization strategy;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director to consult and work closely with the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions regarding the evidence-based and independent assessment of UN-Habitat as it applies to the work programme and budget and to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of that assessment;

8. *Also requests* the Executive Director to consult and work closely with the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the preparation of a results-oriented six-year strategic plan for 2020-2025 and present it to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session;

9. *Further requests* the Executive Director to consult and work closely with the Committee of Permanent Representatives during the preparation of the biennial results-based strategic framework and work programme and budget for the biennium 2020-2021;

10. *Calls upon* the Executive Director to report biannually to member States and, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session, on progress made in resource mobilization, outcome-level performance, financial status and expenditures, the implementation of the strategic plan and the work programme and budget, including evaluation in line with the results-based management framework;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director to consult and work closely with the Committee of Permanent Representatives in reviewing the existing financial and programme performance reporting with a view to consolidating and streamlining such reporting in an accountable and transparent manner;

12. *Also requests* the Executive Director to continue to mainstream cross-cutting issues in the programmes, projects and activities of UN-Habitat, in line with its mandate, and to allocate resources accordingly in consultation with member States;

13. *Further requests* the Executive Director to continue to strengthen the implementation of results-based management in the programmes, projects, policies and activities of UN-Habitat;

14. *Requests* the Executive Director, within existing resources, to include managerial issues and internal controls in the secretariat's current annual reporting cycle to the Committee of Permanent Representatives, including complying with ST/SGB/2007/11, the Secretary-General's bulletin on "United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes", among others;

15. *Calls upon* the Executive Director to work with the Committee of Permanent Representatives to develop and enhance qualitative performance

indicators of management practices, taking into consideration the independent assessment, mandated by paragraph 172 of the New Urban Agenda, containing recommendations to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and oversight of UN-Habitat, as well as best practices and performance indicators within the larger United Nations system, and to include these performance indicators in the next work programme and budget and the strategic plan;

16. *Also calls upon* the Executive Director to submit a report to the Committee of Permanent Representatives prior to making any operational and/or programme changes requiring additional resources;

17. *Authorizes* the Executive Director to reallocate resources between subprogramme budget lines up to a maximum of 5 per cent of the subprogramme appropriations and to inform the Committee of Permanent Representatives thereof, and in duly justified exceptional circumstances to reallocate in excess of 5 per cent and up to 10 per cent of the appropriations from which resources are reallocated after prior consultation with and approval by the Committee of Permanent Representatives;

18. *Also authorizes* the Executive Director to adjust, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the level of allocations to subprogrammes, bringing them into line with possible variations in income compared with the approved level of appropriations;

19. *Reiterates* its call to all Member States and stakeholders for financial support to UN-Habitat through increased voluntary contributions, subject to United Nations rules and regulations, and encourages more Member States and stakeholders to accord priority, when possible, to contributions to the foundation general purpose fund in order to provide predictable multi-year funding to support the implementation of the strategic plan for 2014-2019 and the work programme for 2018-2019;

20. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on the implementation by UN-Habitat of General Assembly resolution 67/226;

21. *Also requests* the Executive Director to intensify his efforts to realize, demonstrate and effectively communicate the expected results and impact of the programme objectives of UN-Habitat and for the efficient, effective and transparent use of resources to that end, subject to United Nations processes of review, evaluation and oversight;

22. *Further requests* the Executive Director to report annually to member States and, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session, on progress in implementing the recommendations of internal and external evaluations and audits, as contained in the reports of both the internal and independent oversight bodies of the United Nations;

23. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to ensure that trust funds and earmarked contributions to UN-Habitat are used to fund activities that are in line with the work programme and the strategic plan, including the normative mandate of UN-Habitat;

24. *Also requests* the Executive Director to submit to the Governing Council for approval at its twenty-seventh session, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, a streamlined work programme and budget for the biennium 2020-2021 that monitors and manages the share of resources devoted respectively to administrative costs and both normative and operational programme activities, with a detailed breakdown of non-post requirements by item of

expenditure, while clearly according and justifying priority to the application of the resources to programme activities that are in line with the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals;

25. *Further requests* the Executive Director to ensure appropriate consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the strategic frameworks and work programmes, including on any proposed changes to those documents, throughout the intersessional period;

26. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

Annex

	Strategic priorities	*Urban legislation, land and governance*	*Urban planning and design*	*Urban economy and municipal finance*	*Urban basic services*	*Housing and slum upgrading*	*Risk reduction and rehabilitation*	*Research and capacity development*	*Executive direction and management and policymaking organs*	*Programme support*	*Total*
2016-2017 approved appropriation	Source of funds										
	Regular budget	2 138.6	2 258.6	2 972.8	2 096.1	840.6	906.7	3 833.4	5 636.0	1 842.5	22 525.3
	Foundation general purpose	3 113.2	4 236.9	3 348.6	3 889.8	3 637.6	4 426.2	4 453.5	13 775.7	4 736.0	45 617.5
	Foundation special purpose	14 591.7	22 478.6	5 166.6	33 414.4	6 593.3	1 001.4	5 002.7	10 374.3	2 674.5	101 297.5
	Technical cooperation	45 027.4	41 350.9	28 003.5	26 976.5	77 749.0	76 179.0	14 135.2	3 060.0	427.4	312 909.0
	Total	**64 870.9**	**70 325.1**	**39 491.5**	**66 376.9**	**88 820.5**	**82 513.3**	**27 424.8**	**32 846.0**	**9 680.4**	**482 349.4**
	Expenditure category										
	Post	5 412.6	6 140.5	5 811.3	6 920.0	7 351.8	8 505.3	6 660.2	17 238.4	7 522.7	71 562.8
	Non-post	59 458.3	64 184.6	33 680.2	59 456.9	81 468.7	74 008.0	20 764.6	15 607.6	2 157.7	410 786.6
	Total	**64 870.9**	**70 325.1**	**39 491.5**	**66 376.9**	**88 820.5**	**82 513.3**	**27 424.8**	**32 846.0**	**9 680.4**	**482 349.4**
2018-2019 estimates	Source of funds										
	Regular budget	1 959.6	2 066.0	2 725.4	1 922.7	764.2	824.1	3 506.8	3 965.8	1 686.9	19 421.5
	Foundation general purpose	1 513.5	3 133.8	1 507.2	2 041.3	1 530.7	1 728.5	1 462.4	8 496.1	4 647.2	26 060.7
	Foundation special purpose	21 158.9	25 978.7	10 325.6	27 851.9	11 125.4	13 229.9	7 745.7	14 432.1	8 046.2	139 894.4
	Technical cooperation	36 872.0	39 877.7	40 673.3	39 835.3	54 101.9	69 199.0	26 836.8	3 163.9	3 858.6	314 418.6
	Total	**61 504.0**	**71 056.3**	**55 231.4**	**71 651.2**	**67 522.2**	**84 981.6**	**39 551.7**	**30 057.8**	**18 238.9**	**499 795.2**
	Expenditure category										
	Post	3 517.3	5 093.9	4 258.4	4 255.0	4 769.7	5 427.0	3 804.0	11 740.7	12 265.5	55 131.5
	Non-post	57 986.7	65 962.4	50 973.0	67 396.2	62 752.5	79 554.5	35 747.7	18 317.1	5 973.5	444 663.7
	Total	**61 504.0**	**71 056.3**	**55 231.4**	**71 651.2**	**67 522.2**	**84 981.6**	**39 551.7**	**30 057.8**	**18 238.9**	**499 795.2**

26/4. Promoting safety in cities and human settlements

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolution 23/14 on sustainable urban development through policies for safer cities and urban crime prevention and recognizing its implementation and the growing involvement of local authorities through the Global Network on Safer Cities,

Recalling also its resolution 24/6 on supporting action for the creation of safer cities, which emphasizes the importance of capacity-building and technical cooperation for the Safer Cities Programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and calls on UN-Habitat to accelerate the effective implementation of the Safer Cities Programme to respond to the needs of countries in the face of increasing crime and violence in many cities,

Recalling further its resolution 25/4 on implementation of the strategic plan for 2014-2019,

Guided by General Assembly resolution 68/188 of 18 December 2013, in which the General Assembly requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide substantive contributions to UN-Habitat with regard to efforts to complement the development of United Nations guidelines on safer cities, taking into consideration the Guidelines for Cooperation and Technical Assistance in the Field of Urban Crime Prevention[8] and the Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime,[9] and to regularly inform Member States of the progress made in that regard with a view to receiving comments,

Guided also by the commitment in the New Urban Agenda, in particular paragraph 103, and all the security challenges included therein, to integrate crime and violence prevention policies in developing urban strategies and interventions,

Expressing appreciation for the partnerships that the UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme has fostered within the United Nations system with entities including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women in integrating the safer cities approach into their programming, pursuant to their mandates,

Recognizing the continued challenges associated with generating adequate financial resources for the implementation of urban safety programmes and multisectoral and preventive approaches in cities and human settlements,

1. *Stresses* the need for UN-Habitat to promote improved urban planning, legislation and financing strategies in support of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda informed by, among other things, a coherent and integrated approach to the prevention of crime, violence and conflict in urban settings through the consolidation of knowledge and lessons learned through 20 years of work under the Safer Cities Programme in over 70 cities worldwide;

2. *Encourages* all Member States of the United Nations to support open data partnerships that support safer cities to strengthen evidence-based policy and practice on safer cities, and to allow Governments to track progress towards achieving the safety-related commitments in the New Urban Agenda, in relation to Sustainable Development Goals 5, 11, 16 and 17, in a more systematic manner;

[8] Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/9, annex.
[9] Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/13, annex.

3. *Calls upon* UN-Habitat within available resources and within its existing mandate to increase the visibility of available tools, methods and expertise through the Safer Cities Programme, which will provide monitoring tools to support Governments in the development of evidence-based policy and practice on safer cities, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue close consultations with the relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, to seek the views of member States on the current draft of the United Nations system-wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and to submit the guidelines for consideration by the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Director to report on progress in the implementation of the present resolution to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session.

26/5. Regional technical support on sustainable housing and urban development by regional consultative structures

The Governing Council,

Cognizant of the commitment in the New Urban Agenda "to strengthen mobilization efforts through partnerships, advocacy and awareness-raising activities relating to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda using existing initiatives",[10] as well as Sustainable Development Goal 17[11] and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,[12]

Recalling its resolution 24/8, in which the Council encouraged the exploration of the opportunities for strengthening South-South cooperation and the exchange of experiences among the Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean, the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development, the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development and the Arab States Ministerial Forum on Housing and Urban Development, and requested the Executive Director to extend his support to United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) regional and thematic offices to support regional forums,

Recalling also its resolution 20/2, in which the Council invited Governments to strengthen or establish regional consultative structures and to use them in raising the profile of issues addressed by the Governing Council,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012, which acknowledged the importance of the regional dimension of sustainable development and noted that regional frameworks could complement and facilitate the effective translation of sustainable development policies into concrete action at the national level,

Noting with appreciation the supporting role and continuous participation of UN-Habitat and its regional, thematic and country offices in organizing regional consultative structures including, inter alia, the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development, the Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America

[10] New Urban Agenda: Quito Declaration on Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements for All, para. 169.

[11] General Assembly resolution 70/1.

[12] Available at http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/AAAA_Outcome.pdf.

and the Caribbean, the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Public Service, Local Government, Urban Development and Decentralization and the Arab States Ministerial Forum on Housing and Urban Development, as well as relevant United Nations offices and regional arrangements,

Recognizing the importance of cooperation between member States of regional consultative structures and UN-Habitat for achieving the goals of sustainable housing and urbanization in each region,

Commending the organization of regular regional ministerial conferences and welcoming the forthcoming ministerial conferences in the Latin American and the Caribbean region, in Argentina in June 2017; in the Arab region, in Morocco in December 2017; in the Asia-Pacific region, in the Islamic Republic of Iran in September/October 2018; and in the African region, in Ethiopia in December 2018,

1. *Requests* the Executive Director to extend support, within available resources and within its existing mandate, to UN-Habitat regional, thematic and country offices to support such regional consultative structures and to work closely with them to achieve the aims of the New Urban Agenda;

2. *Encourages* those regional consultative structures to explore opportunities for strengthening South-South cooperation and to exchange experiences concerning, inter alia, the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda among themselves and with relevant United Nations offices and regional arrangements;

3. *Encourages* the member States of those regional consultative structures to share, on favourable and accepted terms, their knowledge and proactive contributions through virtual platforms and other means;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

26/6. World Urban Forum

The Governing Council,

Recalling paragraph 10 of its resolution 18/5, by which it requested the Executive Director to promote a merger of the Urban Environment Forum and the International Forum on Urban Poverty into a new urban forum with a view to strengthening the coordination of international support for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 56/206 of 21 December 2001, and in particular paragraph 3 of section B, in which the General Assembly affirmed that the World Urban Forum would be a non-legislative technical forum in which experts could exchange views in the years when the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) did not meet, and paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 56/205 of 21 December 2001, in which the General Assembly encouraged local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners to participate, as appropriate, in the Forum in its role as an advisory body to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, in addition to subsequent invitations by the General Assembly for all Governments to participate actively in the sessions of the Forum,[13]

[13] General Assembly resolutions 60/203 of 22 December 2005 and 62/198 of 19 December 2007.

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976 on the pattern of conferences, in which the General Assembly decided that United Nations bodies might hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for such a session to be held within its territory had agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved,

Recalling the invitation by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/226 of 23 December 2003 to donor countries to support the participation of representatives from developing countries, and its resolution 62/198 of 19 December 2007, by which it invited donor countries to support the participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, including women and young people, in the Forum,

Recalling also its resolutions 20/10 of 8 April 2005, 22/10 of 3 April 2009 and 23/5 of 15 April 2011,

Reiterating the objectives of the Forum as set out in annex IV to the report of the first session of the Forum, held in Nairobi from 29 April to 3 May 2002,[14]

Expressing appreciation for the reports of the Executive Director on the sixth and seventh sessions of the Forum,[15]

Welcoming the contributions by the Government of Italy, the Campania Region, the Province of Naples and the Municipality of Naples to hosting the sixth session of the Forum in Naples, Italy, from 1 to 7 September 2012; and the Government of Colombia and Municipality of Medellin to hosting the seventh session of the Forum in Medellin, Colombia, from 5 to 11 April 2014, with over 22,000 attendees from 142 countries,

Noting with concern that preparations for the next session of the Forum are being coordinated in New York, thereby undermining the effective involvement and participation of the Committee of Permanent Representatives,

Welcoming the participation in the Forum of various stakeholders and constituency groups, including, but not limited to, national Governments, local authorities, members of national, regional and international associations of local governments, Global Parliamentarians on Habitat, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, media organizations, human settlements professionals, research institutions and academies of science, professional associations, the private sector, business and non-profit sectors, foundations, relevant United Nations organizations and other international agencies and those that participated in the Habitat III process (including the general public),

Expressing appreciation for the successful organization of the sixth and seventh sessions of, and the growing interest of the global community in, the Forum, as demonstrated by seven successive successful sessions, affirming the Forum as the foremost global arena for interaction between policymakers, local government leaders, non-governmental stakeholders and expert practitioners in the field of human settlements,

Recognizing that the Forum is held in a different host city and country biennially and that, since the seventh session host cities are selected through an open bidding process with UN-Habitat serving as the convener and secretariat of the Forum, based at UN-Habitat headquarters, and that the innovative and inclusive nature of the Forum, combined with high-level participation therein, make it a

[14] Available at http://unhabitat.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/WUF1_report.pdf.
[15] HSP/GC/24/2/Add.2 and HSP/GC/25/2/Add.2.

unique United Nations event and the world's premier international gathering on urban issues,

1. *Welcomes* the offer by and the selection of the Government of Malaysia and the city of Kuala Lumpur to host the ninth session of the Forum from 7 to 13 February 2018 and the selection of the Government of the United Arab Emirates to host the tenth session of the Forum in Abu Dhabi in 2020;

2. *Reiterates* its support for the Forum process and its commitment to continued cooperation with the next hosts of the Forum, while recognizing that the Forum is the foremost global arena for interaction among policymakers, local government leaders, non-governmental stakeholders and expert practitioners in the field of human settlements;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, within available resources and within the existing mandate of UN-Habitat, to continue to implement the main findings resulting from the lessons learned from the review of the first four sessions of the Forum[16] and the evaluation by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme of the sixth and seventh sessions, in which there is concurrence without prejudice to any other emerging findings;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Director to improve and define a timely planning process, for UN-Habitat itself and for all external stakeholders involved, based on a results-based framework, identifying clearly focused objectives and measurable indicators of success, designing conducive event formats and strengthening reporting mechanisms to enable the effective collection of the substantive outcomes of sessions of the Forum;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to assess the impact and outcome of each session of the Forum using a results-based approach, including various evaluation tools and mechanisms;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director to promote, within available resources and within the existing mandate of UN-Habitat, through the Forum and in conjunction with UN-Habitat advocacy and partner platforms, the engagement of all relevant stakeholders towards the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in collaboration with the host city of each session of the Forum;

7. *Emphasizes* the need for the Committee of Permanent Representatives to be actively consulted in the planning and organization of sessions of the Forum to ensure transparent, inclusive, effective and timely planning;

8. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that the secretariat of the Forum continues to be based at the headquarters of UN-Habitat in Nairobi and that preparations for all sessions of the Forum are effectively coordinated by the World Urban Forum Unit at UN-Habitat headquarters and that the Committee of Permanent Representatives is adequately consulted and fully involved in the preparatory process for all sessions of the Forum;

9. *Also requests* the Executive Director to coordinate as appropriate, including in accordance with the UN-Habitat subprogrammes and with the regional offices and subdivisions and through the interdivisional support mechanism of the Forum, in order to deliver inputs to ensure the success of the sessions of the Forum and to make maximum use of in-house capacity and limit the use of consultants;

[16] HSP/GC/23/INF/3.

10. *Further requests* the Executive Director to continue the selection process for the host city of the eleventh session of the Forum, to be held in 2022, with a call to Governments for expressions of interest in hosting the event in their cities, and requests that the announcement of the selected host country and city for the eleventh session be published during the ninth session of the Forum, in February 2018;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

26/7. Accreditation

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolution 19/1 of 9 May 2003 entitled "Rules of procedure of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme", and in particular rules 64, 65 and 66 regarding the role of local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners in the deliberations of the Governing Council and its subsidiary bodies,

Recalling also its resolution 19/8 of 9 May 2003, in which it decided to reconfirm, on request, the accreditation to the Governing Council of local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners that were accredited to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and to the special session of the United Nations General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda held in New York from 6 to 8 June 2001,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 70/210 of 22 December 2015, in which the Assembly approved the provisional rules of procedure for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016, and the arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other stakeholders in the preparatory process and in Habitat III as set out in annexes I and II to the resolution,

Recognizing the need to reform the accreditation system, in consultation with member States, drawing on best practices and models from relevant multilateral institutions, to ensure the active participation of all relevant stakeholders, the monitoring of accreditation, and the enhancement of transparency and accountability,

1. *Decides* to reconfirm, upon request, the accreditation to the Governing Council of the stakeholders that were accredited to Habitat III;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director to disseminate widely all relevant information on the procedures for the accreditation of stakeholder organizations to sessions of the Governing Council;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with member States, to develop a draft stakeholder engagement policy, drawing on best practices and models from relevant multilateral institutions and exploring new mechanisms to promote transparency and the effective engagement of civil society, and to submit the draft policy by the end of 2017 for consideration by the Committee of Permanent Representatives with a view to submitting it for consideration and possible approval by the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session.

26/8. Promoting the effective implementation, follow-up to and review of the New Urban Agenda

The Governing Council,

Welcoming the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), entitled "New Urban Agenda," adopted by Heads of State and Government, ministers and high representatives at Habitat III, held in Quito from 17 to 20 October 2016, the adoption of which the United Nations General Assembly welcomed in its resolution 71/235 of 21 December 2016 and endorsed in its resolution 71/256 of 23 December 2016,

Recognizing the New Urban Agenda as reaffirming a global commitment to sustainable urban development as a critical step in realizing sustainable development, in an integrated and coordinated manner at the global, regional, national, subnational and local levels, with the participation of all relevant actors,

Recognizing also the linkages between sustainable urbanization and, inter alia, sustainable development, disaster risk reduction and climate change,

Reaffirming the commitments on means of implementation included in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,

Recognizing the role of national, subnational and local governments and relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda throughout the process including policymaking, planning, design, implementation, operation and maintenance, and monitoring, as well as the financing and timely delivery of services,

Aware that the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda requires enabling policy frameworks at the global, regional, national, subnational and local levels and effective means of implementation including finance, capacity-building, technology development and transfer, on voluntary and mutually agreed terms, and mutually beneficial partnerships,

Recalling the role and expertise of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), within its mandate, as a focal point for sustainable urbanization and human settlements, including providing support in the implementation, follow-up to and review of the New Urban Agenda, in collaboration with other United Nations system entities,

Acknowledging that the implementation of the New Urban Agenda contributes to the implementation and localization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in an integrated manner,

Taking note of the need of the work of UN-Habitat, within its mandate, to support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including the Sustainable Development Goals, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change through the development and implementation of its strategic plan,

Taking note also of the strategic plan for 2014–2019, lessons so far learned from its implementation and its amendments,

Taking note further of the request made to the Secretary-General, in the light of the New Urban Agenda and with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of UN-

Habitat, to submit to the General Assembly during its seventy-first session an evidence-based and independent assessment of UN-Habitat, the result of which is to be a report containing recommendations to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and oversight of UN-Habitat,

Emphasizing the need for all Member States and all stakeholders to fully operationalize the Quito implementation plan for the New Urban Agenda in an integrated, holistic and timely manner, taking into account different national realities, capacities and development levels and the importance of coordination synergies in achieving the objectives of the Agenda and urbanization components of other relevant global instruments,

Emphasizing also that well-designed, planned and managed cities and other human settlements are important for improving the living conditions of all inhabitants especially the poor and those in vulnerable situations including older persons and persons with disabilities,

Reaffirming Governing Council resolution 23/1 of 15 April 2011 and resolution 24/4 of 19 April 2013, that support the implementation of gender mainstreaming in the normative and operational work of UN-Habitat, as well as the need for the gender responsive approaches recognized in the New Urban Agenda,

1. *Encourages* all Member States of the United Nations as well as other voluntary donors to provide adequate and predictable resources;

2. *Urges* the Executive Director to ensure the efficient and accountable management of resources in fulfilment of the role of UN-Habitat as a focal point in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in the delivery of the appropriate technical support to Member States for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda;

3. *Also urges* the Executive Director to intensify efforts to broaden the donor base of UN-Habitat for voluntary contributions, including from non-traditional donor countries, the private sector, foundations and individuals, in accordance to the United Nations financial regulations and rules;

4. *Encourages* the Executive Director, in accordance with the role of UN-Habitat as a focal point for sustainable urbanization and human settlements, including supporting the implementation and review of the New Urban Agenda, to collaborate with other United Nations programmes and entities, Member States, local authorities and relevant stakeholders, as well as through the mobilization of experts, to contribute to a United Nations system-wide strategy and continue generating evidence-based and practical guidance for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the related dimensions of the sustainable development goals, as well as to further develop the action framework for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, in close consultation with Member States, local authorities and stakeholders;

5. *Requires* the Executive Director, within available resources and within the existing mandate of UN-Habitat, to report, on a six-monthly basis, to the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the Programme's collaboration with other United Nations entities and stakeholders as a focal point for sustainable urbanization and human settlements in the implementation and review of the New Urban Agenda;

6. *Encourages* the Executive Director to support Member States, at their request and within the existing mandated activities of UN-Habitat, to develop integrated strategies and implementation mechanisms for sustainable urban

development at the national, regional and local levels by, among others, promoting good spatial planning, effective regulation and feasible financial tools;

7. *Encourages* member States, at the twenty-seventh session of the Governing Council, to share best practices regarding the early implementation of the New Urban Agenda;

8. *Requests* the timely submission by the Secretary-General of the independent assessment report containing recommendations on enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and oversight of UN-Habitat for consideration by the Governing Council and by the General Assembly;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director, pursuant to the relevant paragraphs of the New Urban Agenda, to coordinate a follow-up to and review of the New Urban Agenda in collaboration with other United Nations system entities and to prepare and submit four-yearly reports thereon in a timely fashion for consideration and appropriate action;

10. *Also requests* the Executive Director to develop, within available resources and within the existing mandate of UN-Habitat, in close collaboration with other United Nations system entities, in consultation with member States, and taking into account the recommendations of the report of the independent assessment and the views of relevant stakeholders, a proposal for a unified global monitoring framework that will facilitate the tracking of progress towards achieving the goals of the New Urban Agenda, as well as the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the sustainable development goals, in a systematic manner;

11. *Further requests* the Executive Director to coordinate the preparation of the four-yearly report pursuant to paragraph 168 of the New Urban Agenda;

12. *Requests* the Executive Director to work in close consultation with Member States in all its work under the New Urban Agenda in their countries in line with the United Nations Development Assistance Framework;

13. *Also requests* the Executive Director to allocate funds, within available resources and within the existing mandate of UN-Habitat, to support prior and continuing commitments to the effective and efficient implementation of gender mainstreaming to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls using existing structures, such as the Advisory Group on Gender Issues, women's networks and other related organizations, and calls upon Member States to include the participation of girls and women of all ages in local, national and international structures in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;

14. *Calls upon* Member States to take into account youth expertise in the local, national, regional and international implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, to involve youth in decision-making at the international, national and subnational levels, to recognize the Youth Advisory Board, established in accordance with Governing Council resolution 19/13 of 9 May 2003 and resolution 23/7 of 15 April 2013, and to reaffirm its role in advising UN-Habitat on issues concerning youth in the context of the New Urban Agenda;

15. *Encourages* Governments to implement policies and plans focused on youth in areas such as community service, voluntarism, skills development, creation of decent jobs and employment, livelihoods, development and creation of entrepreneurship, particularly for the poor and those in vulnerable situations and those in conflict and post-conflict situations;

16. *Requests* the Executive Director to call on cities in the light of the New Urban Agenda's commitment to ending the AIDS epidemic, to accelerate an HIV

multisectoral response as part of their urban development plans, leaving no one behind, in order for cities to contribute to national and global success in ending the AIDS epidemic as a public threat by 2030, as part of the sustainable development agenda;

A. Promoting access to adequate and sustainable housing

17. *Encourages* Member States to undertake, where appropriate, further housing sector reforms and the formulation of sustainable and integrated policies for safe and affordable housing, legislation and strategies that promote the progressive realization of the right to an adequate standard of living, including adequate housing, and which aim to improve access to adequate, safe, sustainable and affordable housing and thereby improve the lives of millions of urban dwellers, including through slum upgrading as described in the New Urban Agenda;

18. *Requests* the Executive Director, within available resources and within the existing mandate of UN-Habitat, to engage all relevant actors regarding opportunities to address the current challenges related to sustainable urbanization, with a particular emphasis on sustainable, adequate, safe and affordable housing as well as high quality and sustainable buildings and construction;

B. Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization

19. *Encourages* the Executive Director, within available resources and within the existing mandate of UN-Habitat, to help Member States, at their request and within mandated activities, to develop and review their national urban policies, including the content and process of urban and territorial planning, considering the principles of the *International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning*, as well as developing new innovative tools in collaboration with local authorities and other relevant actors;

20. *Also encourages* the Executive Director, within available resources and within the existing mandate of UN-Habitat, to develop further the Urban Planning and Design Lab as an integrative facility, as one of the tools to provide support to Member States in the implementation of the relevant elements of the New Urban Agenda;

C. Synergies and financing for sustainable urbanization

21. *Requests* the Executive Director, within available resources and within the existing mandate of UN-Habitat, to collaborate with Member States and all relevant stakeholders in promoting an integrated approach to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda by all levels of government through building synergies across sectors taking into account the specific expertise and resources of all relevant stakeholders, including local authorities, civil society, the private sector and academia, working together towards the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and within the context of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;

22. *Welcomes* the initiatives of UN-Habitat to collaborate with relevant United Nations entities [17] and the World Bank Group on a Multi-Partner Implementation Facility for Sustainable Urban Development;

23. *Encourages* the Executive Director, for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda, to provide support to Member States, subnational and local authorities, as appropriate, to further pursue access to funds including the Multi-Partner Implementation Facility for Sustainable Urban Development, the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility, the Adaptation Fund and the Climate Investment Funds to support action-oriented policies and programmes at all levels;

24. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution for consideration by the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session.

26/9. Human settlements development in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

The Governing Council,

Recalling its resolution 19/18 of 9 May 2003, in which it endorsed the establishment of the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund, and its resolution 22/11 of 3 April 2009, in which it called upon member States to provide financial support to the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund,

Recalling also its resolution 23/2 of 15 April 2011, in which it called upon the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to further focus its operations on housing, land, and planning issues, recognizing the quality of the technical assessments organized by UN-Habitat and acknowledging the progress made on these issues with the technical assistance of UN-Habitat,

Acknowledging the challenges to ensure the financial sustainability of the Special Human Settlement Programme of the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund,

1. *Calls upon* UN-Habitat to continue to focus its work where there are acute humanitarian and development needs as identified through technical assessments by UN-Habitat. Particular emphasis should continue to be devoted to the important needs of the Palestinian communities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, since 1967, through strengthened UN-Habitat projects, as detailed in various UN-Habitat reports, in full coordination with all concerned parties;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of UN-Habitat to reconvene the Advisory Board to the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund with particular emphasis on reviewing progress and supporting fundraising to meet identified gaps in view also of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda;

3. *Calls upon* Member States and other stakeholders in a position to do so to financially support the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund;

[17] Including, at present, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the United Nations Global Compact.

4. *Calls upon* all concerned parties to take practical measures that can foster sustainable urbanization in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and in so doing improve the conditions for peace;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its twenty-seventh session on progress with regard to the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People, including progress in the mobilization of financial resources for the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund.

17-11092 (E) 030717

Please recycle